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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a long-term customer of a technically competent, privacy oriented, and innovative, and hugely customer oriented ISP, sonic.net, which has successfully sought and maintained my business for over a decade, from dialup to DSL to gradually-deployed local fiber.

This very competitive business, a REAL ALTERNATIVE to the hateful local cable/phone non-competing, duopolies could not exist today and may not exist in the future without a level playing field which allows REAL CHOICE in internet service.

Today I enjoy reliable, cost-effective, customer-oriented internet service that offers me real value and puts my consumer interests first -- including that of unfettered access to all services on the internet, with no shady "pay-to-play" side deals that throttle or promote traffic of cable/phone conglomerate affiliates.

Without REAL CHOICE of my Internet Service Provider, my costs would increase, my privacy would be actively infringed upon, my service speeds would be compromised, and my ability to subscribe to or make use of third party internet services without interference of a monopolistic middleman would be inhibited.

America NEEDS MORE COMPETITION, not less. America, nation-wide needs INNOVATION in broadband service provision, LOWER COSTS, and HIGHER QUALITY SERVICE.

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